The Woman's Page of The Times-Dispatch

WHAT THE WORKING WOMAN KNOWS OF THE COST OF LIVING

Demand for Increased Wages Decided on Her Testimony.

A most interesting article written in the current number of the Delin-eator magazine, by Mary G. Field, gives an account of how the demand by the Brotherhood of Switchmen, on the Chicago railways, for increased wages, was settled in favor of the workingmen, on the testimony of their workingmen, on the testimony of their wives and mothers and sisters, the women behind the purse, who came into court to prove to the commissioners what had been the increase in living for workers supporting an average family of five people upon an income ranging from \$50 to \$100 a month.

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The first woman to go on the stand was Mrs. Jennie Olson, whose husband received about \$50 a month. Mrs. Olson said that for the last two years she had been unable to support her family decently on her husband's salary and send her children to school. Her eldest daughter had gotten day work, and night work during vacation, that she might attend the High Schools properly dressed and without increased expense to her parents. Mrs. Olson herself had to leave her children at home so that she might, as she expressed it, "not be dunned to death and live someways decent." Cost Then and Now.

Asked by the commissoner as to the change in prices that had so increased the cost of living. Mrs. Olson said: "I used to buy a whole pig at a nickle a pound and salt it down. Then I had all the lard I wanted, but it's up to 18 cents a pound now, plain grease, that used to be five. And we used to buy apples by the barrel. Now we get them by the peck as a great luxury. And my husband paid \$10 for a suit and now he has to pay \$15. His overalls cost him 25 cents more this year than last, and his_shirts from 20 to 25 cents."

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Questioned as to the advance of things in general, Mrs. Olson quoted butter, cheese, bread, milk, soap, fuel and rent. She concluded thus: "Your honor, I figured it out that everything has gone up double, or else it has forme down to half as good a grade. You've got either to earn twice as much, or live twive as cheap, so they patch you comin' or goin'; and you keep givin' up something—shees and rubbers—rubbers we can't afford to buy any more, and I keep the children at home from school when it rains. The grocery order used to last me a month, and the order is over now ten days before pay-day."

Additional Testimony.

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The testimony of Mrs. Mary Corcoran,
of Mrs. Kirschberg, Mrs. O'Connel and
others supported what Mrs. Olson had
said. "Again and again the story
was told of rising rents, of soaring
prices of meat, of the cheapening qualtive of wearing apparel, of shoddy, illwas told of rising rents, of soaring prices of meat, of the cheapening quality of wearing apparel, of shoddy, ill-made goods. The testimony of the women agree unfinchingly upon one thing—upon the refusal to lower the American standard of living. Luxuries and comforts won at great social cost were not to be surrendered without an equally vigorous effort to hold them. Either through stinting, or by supplementing in-kdequate wages with the labor of women and children, these housewives were vigorously resisting the forces that threatened to undermine their homes."

When the last witness, Margaret Donnelly, was called to the stand, she anticipated the lawyers by saying to them: "I know yer questions by heart as I knows my prayers."

Then Mary G. Field arrives at her dragatic climax by stating that Margaret Donelly "reached into the pocket of the skirt and drew frim its capacious depths a soiled and battered notebook. She thrust the book like a

everyting mentioned and motes has can see for yourself how things has been goin' higher and higher, till I don't lylow what people like us is goin' to do. We've tried to fix it every way so's to live good, and do the best by the children. Why, ever since page 225 my husband has had to work fifteen hours out of the twenty-four, and Sundays, too, just to keep us goin'. That's 105 hours out of the 168 a week to earn \$1000 a month. We couldn't pay the bills it he didn't. The prices is all here in this book down to this mornah.'"

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Largely on what was proven by the working women, Mary Field points put that "the court awarded the men increased pay. This decision directly affected 3,000 men. Indirectly, who can gay how far-reaching are the edurational results of such a decision? The peaceful method of arbitration it. Belf means an advantage to both employe and employer over the old war method of strike, with its suspension of work and financial loss. In awarding the workingmen an increase in wages on the ground of increased cost of commodities, the constituted authority of the State of Illinois puts it. Belf on record as insisting upon the American standard of living which professor Patten says, 'has long been the marvel of the world.' Its decision recognizes the fact that the health of pations and the state of its workingmen and women, upon the sturdings of its children and the Mack whith pasts and render them almay any district of the state of such a decision training to such a decision training train



THREE SMART TROTTHURS FOR FALL

-L'ART DE LA MODE.

Useful Suggestions

Sponging with alcohol will fresher black chip hats and render them almost as good as new. If a chip hat is

Decorations, Souvenirs, Salad and Cocktail, Ices.

For a September luncheon table noth- with ices made of fruit or decorated ice cream and grape sherbet is served

cktail, Ices.

There are some very timely and practice, pass grape pilce mixed with grapes. Then, instead of a hot boverage, pass grape pilce mixed with half the quantity of rich lemonade.

Soft Petitconts, Lace Trimmed.

With the skirits that icling tight about the feet, women can wear very little in the way of petitconts. Flaring flounces and voluminous trimmings are interested in laces that are filmy and put on in the seathest manner. China slik, and yet not so transparent in the seathest manner. China slik, used by many women to sult the present system, as it clings and takes and the substitute them allitted and put them in the sand the massible control that such the flat shall, and yet not so transparent. Now add to three or froze mint sace with the mallitted and put them in the sand transparent. This is also much liked. The petitions transparent without starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the control that starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the control that starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the control that starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the pounds of grapes one bunch of fresh, without starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the account of the without starch and should not be over the times of the mint and the sea of the times of the mint and the control that is a soft sain that is almost as thin a single seas of the time allittle and put them in all the season of the monaters. Well work to the time all the season of the monaters will work not preserving kettle and cook them for a moment. Now add to three or fore the monaters. Well work to the preserving kettle and cook them for a moment. Now add to the core of the sleeves this into glasses color it a mint great will be season down the front, and the white season down the

For the September Housewife

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

What They Are Doing, Saying and Attempting. Miss Italia Garibaldi, granddaughte

of General Garibaldi, and principal o the Home School of the Woman's For visiting the United States. The sar navigation company in whose line from Genoa to Marsala, in Sicily, wi and a department in which nurses a trained nurse, and says that her gir did some fine work during the Messir

may stare him in the face from amouthe folds of a fair partner's raiment. The first woman to circumnavigathe globe in an automobile is M Harriet Clark Fisher, an America who sailed for England in June 1909 with a chauffeur, a secretary a a maid, and toured the British Isl the Continent of Europe and Asia, seems rather strange to hear from the first strange of the seems rather strange to hear from the first strange of the seems rather strange to hear from the first strange to hear from the following the first strange to hear from the first strange to hear from the first strange to hear from the first strange the first strange to hear first strange to hear from the first strange from the first strange from the following the first strange from the first s

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pretty or I couldn't wear these coil less waists," and it says it in such convincing tone that you find yours agreeing at once. If it finds your e wandering toward the hem or its dr it adds hastily, "of course, my feet very small or these short skirts wo be impossible," and then it whisp confidently in your ear, "and I m be rather pretty myself or I could wear such simple, unassuming clothed wear such simple, unassuming clothed. The clever thing puts all these id into your head in such a deft, ski manner that presently you begin think they are your own and that ywere rather bright to happen us them. You rush off and order relothes, forgetful of your number shoes and the fact that your thrisn't all that it might be, and wyou wear them they will doubtless witch other people into forgetting.